

The Goddard Dance Club News

August 2006 News

Impact of Loss of AC on Goddard Dance Club Presentation to NASA/GSFC GEWA Council 26 July 2006, revised 27 July 2006

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All of the classes and events of the Goddard Dance Club (GDC) occur in the Building-8 auditorium. Our twice-monthly dinner dances on Saturdays have been averaging 60-90 people. No other on-site or off-site facility, including the GEWA Recreation Center, is large enough or available for GDC events every week of the year. Furthermore, dancing in the auditorium without air conditioning or heat is not an option. We are dancing for fun and it is no fun dancing when it is too hot or too cold. The Club could not survive as currently constituted without off-hour access to the Building-8 auditorium. On July 7th, Ray Rubilotta of Code 200 denied the GDC request for a waiver from the new GSFC policy of cycling AC off in the auditorium on weekends. In a previous meeting on June 22nd, Ray indicated that the current policy on the AC would be maintained if we would consider switching our Sunday night activities to Friday nights. Because of the loss of AC on weekends, we cancelled our 20-year old Sunday class and practice. As suggested, we switched the Sunday class and practice to Friday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. In addition, we cancelled our Saturday dance parties in the auditorium. The ultimate impact on our dancing activities and the Club are unknown at this time. In the meantime, we are adjusting our personal schedules as best we can to dance immediately after work on Fridays instead of Saturday and Sunday nights. Our two biggest annual events are a formal catered Holiday Dance, featuring a band that is already under contract, and a New Year's Eve Dance in December. We are requesting GEWA's support of the Club's request for a waiver for these two events.

Club Officer Nominations

If you desire to be a candidate for any elective Goddard Dance Club office (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary), please submit your nomination by October 15, 2006 to the Goddard Dance Club Nominating Committee Chairman, Paul McCeney 301-441-2338.

Any prospective nominee meeting the following criteria may place his or her name in nomination:

- Has possessed a voting membership in the Goddard Dance Club for at least 10 months at the time of the election.

- Not under censure by the Goddard Dance Club

Voting for Club Officers will be done through ballots mailed to eligible voters and returned by mail to the Nominating Committee in the addressed envelope included with the ballot to be filled out. All votes will be tallied by the Goddard Dance Club Nominating Committee Chairman. Eligible voters include all badged GSFC employees (government and contractor) and their immediate families (household members) and retired GSFC civil service employees and their immediate families (household members).

Changes in Weekend Dance and Class Activities

Kate Perrie

Special Events Chair

Based on a recent federal mandate to the Agency, Goddard is taking steps to reduce utility consumption by 20% over the next 10 years. In an effort to comply with that directive, Goddard management notified us that they can no longer provide air conditioning for the Building 8 Auditorium on weekends. Therefore, we are implementing the following summer schedule through the end of August and will communicate with the membership by mid-August regarding the fall schedule. Our goal is to ensure your comfort while maximizing our member's access to the wonderful Building 8 Auditorium dance floor.

Effective immediately, the remaining July and August Sunday night class and practice sessions will be moved to Fridays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The Friday class will continue with the same format, focusing on a new dance every two weeks. You can view the schedule for the remainder of 2006 on the Goddard Dance Club website (<http://gewa.gsfc.nasa.gov/clubs/dance/goddard.htm>). However, please be aware that the Sunday classes will now be held on Friday nights. The dance will be taught at the Beginner to Intermediate level followed by a two-hour dance practice. Those who prefer can also come just for the dance / practice session beginning at 7:30 p.m. So, don't miss this opportunity to end your work week dancing at Goddard. If you have questions regarding the new Friday night time and format, please contact either John Barker (barkers@earthlink.net, 301.431.2626) or Kate Perrie (kate.perrie@verizon.net, 410.757.1185).

The August 5th and 19th dinner dances will be held at the lovely home of Billie and Jim Rash in Davidsonville, Maryland. The Club is very fortunate that the Rash's have once again graciously offered to let us use their beautiful ballroom for our dances. Anyone who has attended a dance at their home knows that the wonderful ambience adds something special to an evening of dining, dancing and socializing. We will continue with the pot luck dinner dance format for the August dances, but will have to limit attendance to 50-55 people in order to accommodate dinner seating and to ensure there is adequate room on the dance floor. So please let me know as soon as possible whether (1) Yes, you will definitely be attending one or both August dances at the Rash's, (2) Maybe you will be able to join us for the dance(s) or (3) No, you will be unable to attend one or both dances. Those of you who have attended dances at the Rash's home will no doubt want to return. Members who haven't joined us already should be sure that they don't miss an opportunity to enjoy this beautiful home set on 17 acres. We will communicate the plans for the September dinner dances to the membership in mid-August.

There are no changes to the Monday and Wednesday night dance class schedules.

Thank you for your understanding as the Club adjusts to the air conditioning policy change. Our hope is that the new Friday night class / practice format will actually be more convenient for many of our members, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to the Rash's home for the August dinner dances.

Events Around Town

- ? Goddard Dance Club, Goddard Space Flight Center, Building 8 Auditorium, dances for 2005 are listed on page one of this newsletter. Contact Martha O'Bryan 301-286-1412 or 301-574-3349, or contact John Barker 301-614-6610 or 301-431-2626, or visit our club web sites (Goddard internal web site and Goddard Dance Club instructors public access web site <http://gewa.gsfc.nasa.gov/clubs/dance/goddard.htm> or <http://www.chipatwood.com> respectively).
- ? Davidsonville Dance Club, Davidsonville, Maryland. Ballroom dancing on 2nd & 4th Saturdays, Contact Dana O'Hara 410-741-1356, <http://davidsonvilledanceclub.org/>
- ? Wheaton Ballroom Dance Club, Saturday night dances with live bands, 8:30 to 12:30 PM. Contact Ralph Krause 301-530-4790.
- ? Hollywood Ballroom, Silver Spring Maryland. Ballroom dancing on Sunday, Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday. Call 301-622-5494 or <http://www.hollywoodballroom.com/>.
- ? The Promenade Baltimore's Premier Dancesport Facility, 2605 Lord Baltimore Drive, Suites L-P, Baltimore Maryland, 410-277-0234, <http://www.mddancesport.com/>.
- ? Special Dance Weekends are offered several times per year. For more information and for brochures, contact Kate Perrie, kate.perrie@verizon.net or (h) 410-757-1185.

Visit the Goddard Dance Club web sites at
<http://gewa.gsfc.nasa.gov/clubs/dance/goddard.htm>
<http://www.chipatwood.com>

Goddard Closing Status Codes

To find out the Goddard Space Flight Center's current status, call 301-286-NEWS (301-286-6397). **Unless otherwise noted, the Center stands at Code Green status (Center is open - normal operation).** Except for occasional holidays, the only time Dance Club events will be canceled is if the Center is in CODE RED status.

Temporary Badge Policy

To obtain a six-month temporary badge (for unescorted access) you must be a member of the Goddard Dance Club (GDC):

- 1) registered for and have attended two current, consecutive 2-month class series, or
- 2) a retired GSFC civil servant.
- 3) the significant other or family member of a GSFC employee.

If you would like a temporary badge and you meet the above criteria, please contact Martha O'Bryan (w) 301-286-1412, (h) 301-293-2933, (e) martha.obryan@gsfc.nasa.gov.

If you wish to be removed from this mailing list please email a Club officer or respond to:

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Class Rep. Fri 6:30pm	John Barker	(as above)

GDC Board Meetings are scheduled quarterly, at 5:45 p.m. in Building 20, Room C139, followed by dinner at a local restaurant at about 8 PM. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2006. Members are encouraged to attend or contact your Class Rep if you would like to attend or if you have suggestions for improving the activities offered by the Dance Club.

Goddard Dance Club Policies

Membership is open to current, former and retired NASA/Goddard civil servants and contractors, their guests; and former members of the Club. Guests must be U.S. citizens. Membership is required to register for dance classes. Dues are \$10/year (\$5 after August).

This is a volunteer Club. Members are asked to arrive early to remove chairs and tables from the floor, and/or stay afterwards to put chairs and tables back in place for official work at NASA. If you are physically unable to do this, please speak to the Class Rep or a Club Officer about volunteering to help in some other way.

The Club reserves the right to cancel any class with fewer than 14 students. In the event of inclement weather, call 301-286-NEWS to determine if the Center has been closed.